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PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE **PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES** **JULY 16, 2015**

I. CALL TO ORDER

This regularly scheduled meeting of the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee was called to order on July 16, 2015 at 9:38 a.m. in the Hudson Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

William Green, Committee Chair
W. Michael Shea, Committee Member
Diane Licht, Committee Member

Absent:

Ketrin Saud Maxwell, Committee Vice-Chair
Dana Kaspereen, Committee Member
Peter Economou, Committee Member

Also Present:

Shirley Dickstein, Deputy Attorney General
Milagros B. Collazo, Executive Director
Celeste Paige, Administrative Staff
ToniAnn Petrella-Diaz, Government Representative

Committee Chair, William Green announced the lack of quorum, and that the Committee members present would be working as a Sub-Committee, and read the Sunshine Law:

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mailing to the Office of the Secretary of State, The Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Bergen Record and The Courier Post.

III. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES

On a motion by made by Diane Licht, and seconded by W. Michael Shea, the Sub-Committee recommended to approve the June 4, 2015 minutes as amended.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following members of the public were present but did not comment:

George Grant - Boston Graduate School
Jolene Stark - Caldwell University
Gina Vo - Caldwell University
Carly Patterson - Caldwell University
Stephanie Hendricks - Caldwell University
Brittany Wolfson - Caldwell University
Megan Kelley - Caldwell University

V. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

1. Executive Director Collazo presented the Licensing Activity Report for Committee review. There are currently 5,049 total active licenses (Licensed Professional Counselors, Licensed Associate Counselors and Licensed Rehabilitation Counselors.) Currently there are 1,513 applications and 43 reinstatements pending.

* Pending applications include applications pending final Committee review/ approval, incomplete applications, applications waiting on exam results, and applications that have been abandoned.

VII. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

1. N.J.A.C. 13:34-4.5, 11.8 and 11.9 and 21.6

The Committee members present reviewed N.J.A.C. 13:34-4.5, for Members of the Armed Forces, which took effect July 6, 2015.

The Sub-Committee recommended this be informational.

2. N.J.A.C. 13:45 C-5.3

The Committee members present reviewed N.J.A.C. 13:45C-5.3, proposed regulation being drafted by the Division of Consumer Affairs to address abandoned applications.

The Sub-Committee recommend this be informational.

Committee member W. Michael Shea expressed concern that applicants be informed that their application will be closed.

3. Committee Comments

Committee Chair Bill Green requested that Regulatory Analyst, Rachel Glasgow, be present for the September 3, 2015, meeting to discuss the status of the Supreme Court ruling regarding the North Carolina Dental Board.

The Sub-Committee requested the opportunity to comment on the proposed regulation for tele-medicine before it is passed by the Senate/ Assembly.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

No items to report.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

No items to report.

X. CORRESPONDENCE

No items to report.

XI. NEW JERSEY COUNSELING ASSOCIATION

Committee Chair Bill Green to give a report on the April 2015 N.J.C.A. conference at the September 3, 2015, Committee meeting.

XII. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

First review of regulations in advance of sunset have been completed. The Sub-Committee will present to full Committee when draft with changes has been completed by Regulatory Analyst, Rachel Galsgow.

XIII. DISCIPLINE ORDERS

No items to report.

XIV. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for **September 3, 2015**
Meeting Dates for 2015

August - *canceled*
September 3, 2015
October 1, 2015
November 5, 2015
December 3, 2015

XV. APPLICATION REVIEW:

National Counselor Examination (NCE) approval

Nicole Carrano
Kelly Casmano
Ricardo Da Costa Pinho
Heather Gimpel
Rochelle Graham
Taimi Heinonen
Mervette Jebara
Lauren Kareha
Jessica Konkol
Viktoria Kristbergs
Kelly Kwortnik
Eric Larsen
Sonia Lasmin
Sandra Lindemuth
Brittany McCarron
Denissie Santana
Robin Shamberg
Lisa Tavares
Alyssa Weaver

Licensed Associate Counselor (LAC) approval

Phyllis Christaldi
Michael Cocuzza
Lauren De Mars
Elizabeth Digiose
Valerie Hedgpeth
Marcus Hessler
Leah Hirsch
Megan Kelley
Stephanie Lawrence
Jennifer McCarron
Iman Metwally
John Milius
Angiemar Morales-Acuna
Alexandra Pezzino
Ashley Regina
Rania Sawaged
Dominique Spicer
Kaliroi Subashi
Ricki Terzis
Stephanie Walker
Keena White

Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) approval

Keri Basler
Jessica Bullock
Tim Callahan
Dayna Ceruzzi
Jeffrey Cox, Jr
Tamara Eslam
Arielle Falcone
Julie Gartner
Jodie Garvey
Tranetta Harris
Angela Hendrix
Pamela Hill
Katherin Hughes
Andrew Jowski
Stephanie Kenney
Harry Levin
Talia Maor-Matsliach
Joanna Melon
Jennifer Mold
Lauren Morton
Tamer Mosaad
Colleen Neuer
Flora Pazos
Joanne Pawelko
Rachel Pearlman

Melanie Pincus
Erin Ritter
Elana Rosencrantz
Maria Simon
Maria Trachout

XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion made by Diane Licht, and seconded by W. Michael Shea, the Sub-Committee voted to move to Executive Session at 10:07 a.m. for review of applications for licensure, plans of supervision, consumer complaints and other pending disciplinary and confidential matters.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by W. Michael Shea, and seconded by Diane Licht, the Sub-Committee adjourned the public meeting at 3:30pm. Voting in favor: all.